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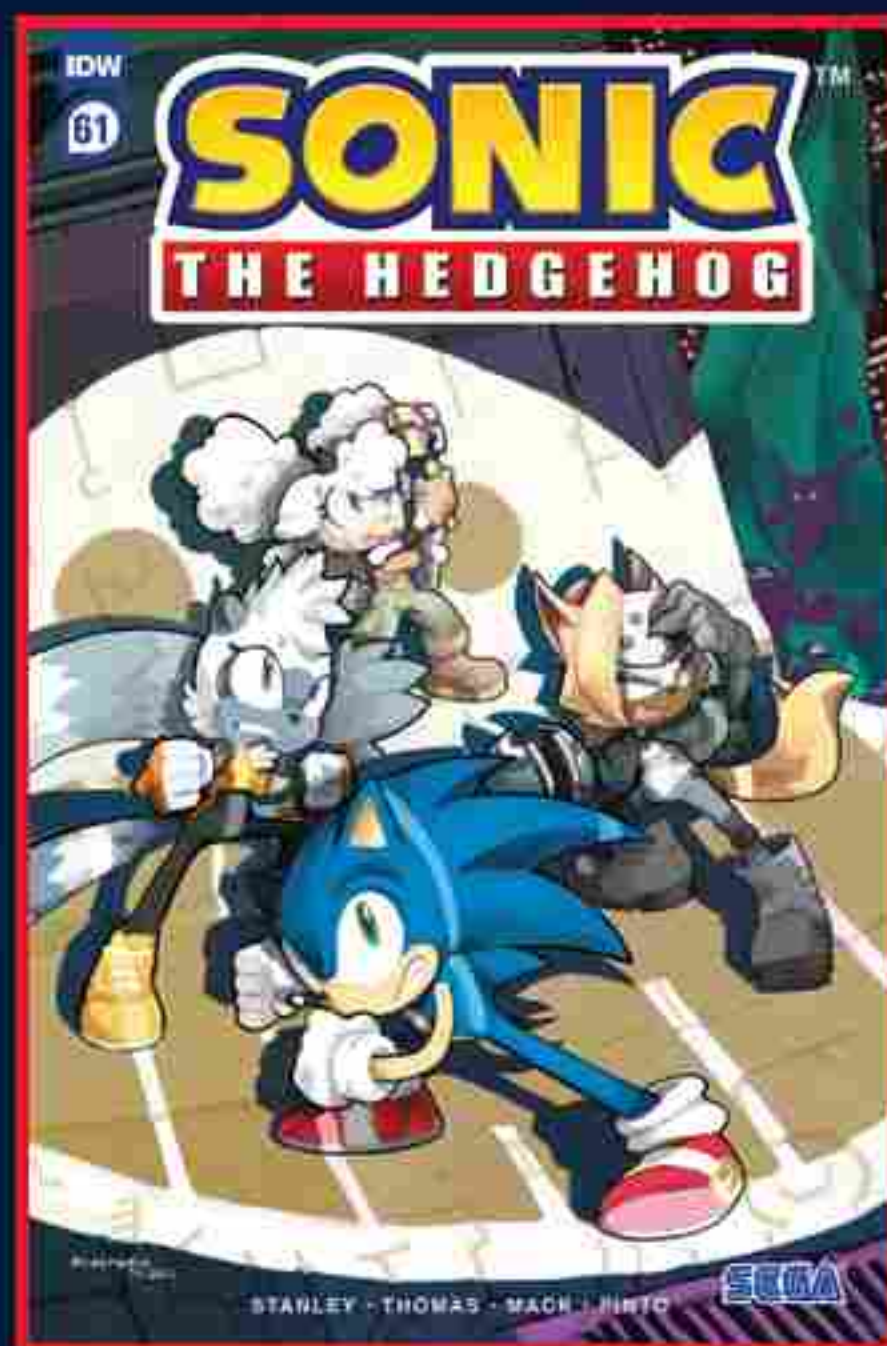
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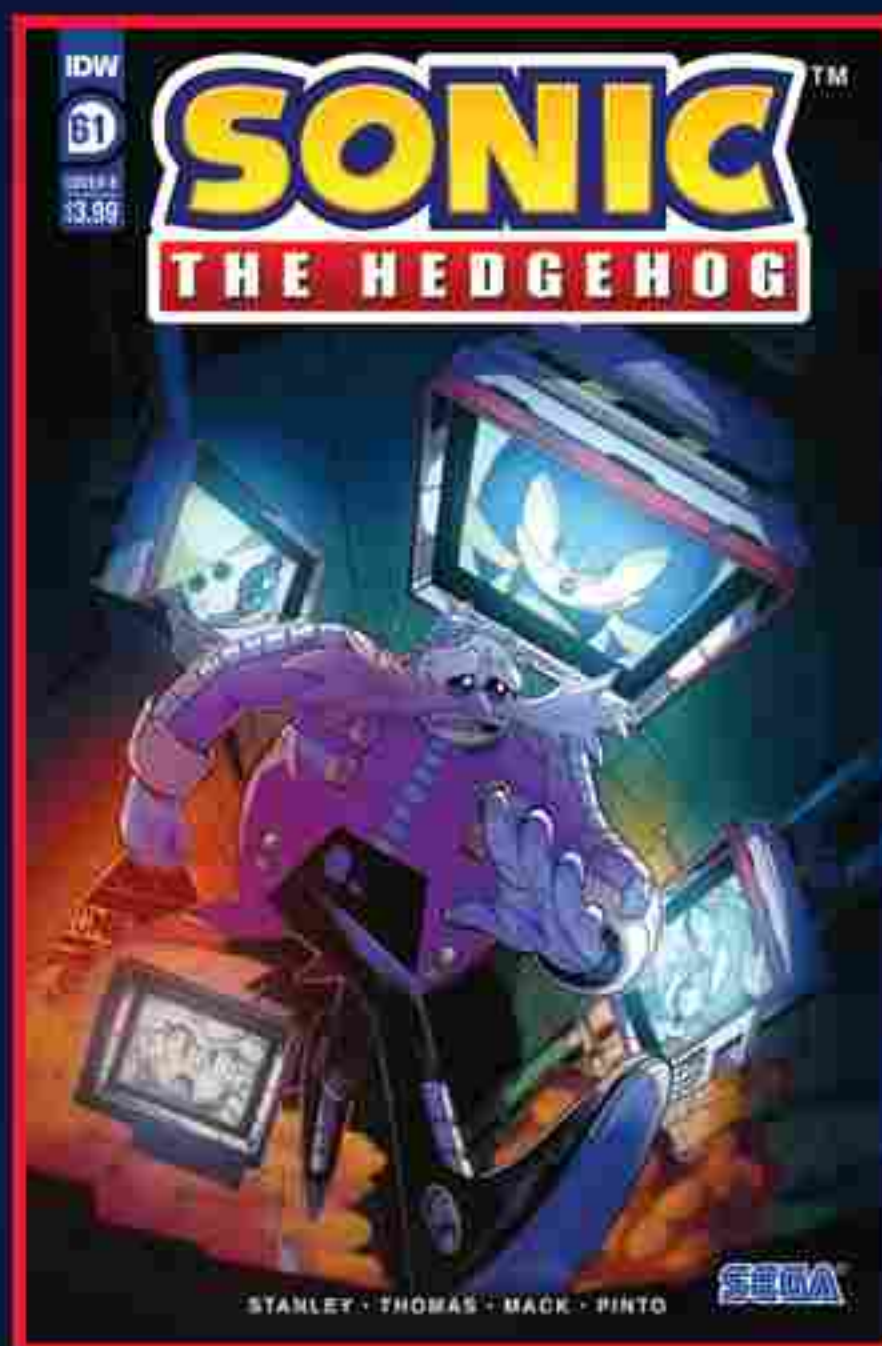
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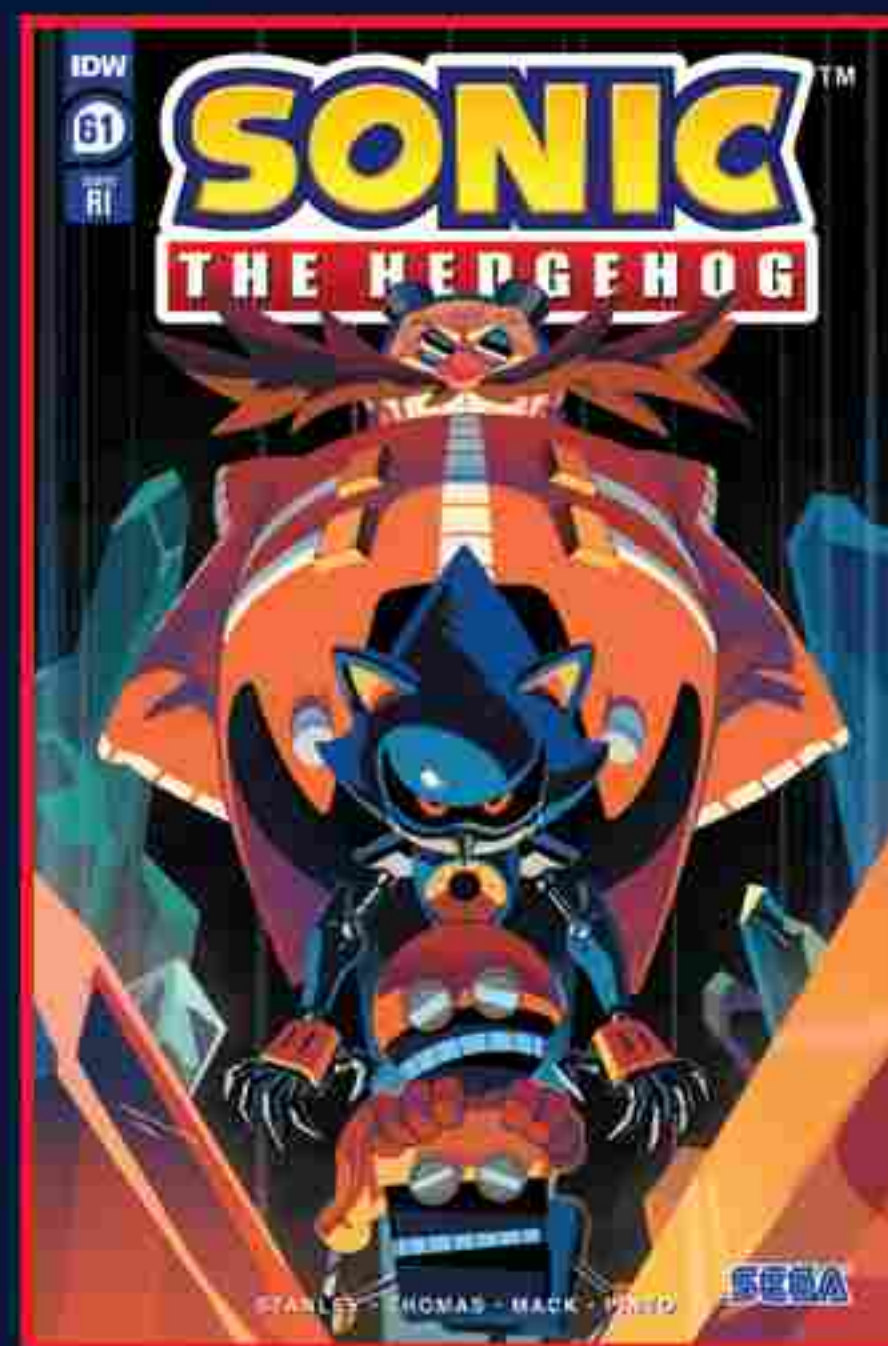
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Diamond Cutter.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Diamond Cutter.



LANOLIN THE SHEEP

Woolen Warrior.
Diamond Cutter.



AMY ROSE

Hammer-Swinging Heroine.
Restoration ally.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



SILVER THE HEDGEHOG

Young Psychic Hero.
Friend from the future.



BLAZE THE CAT

Fire-Powered Princess.
Friend from another dimension.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Life Form.
Sonic's grim rival.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-Hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.



E-123 OMEGA

Rogue Super Badnik.
Robot hunter.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.



AH,
VICTORY
DOES TASTE
SO GOOD...



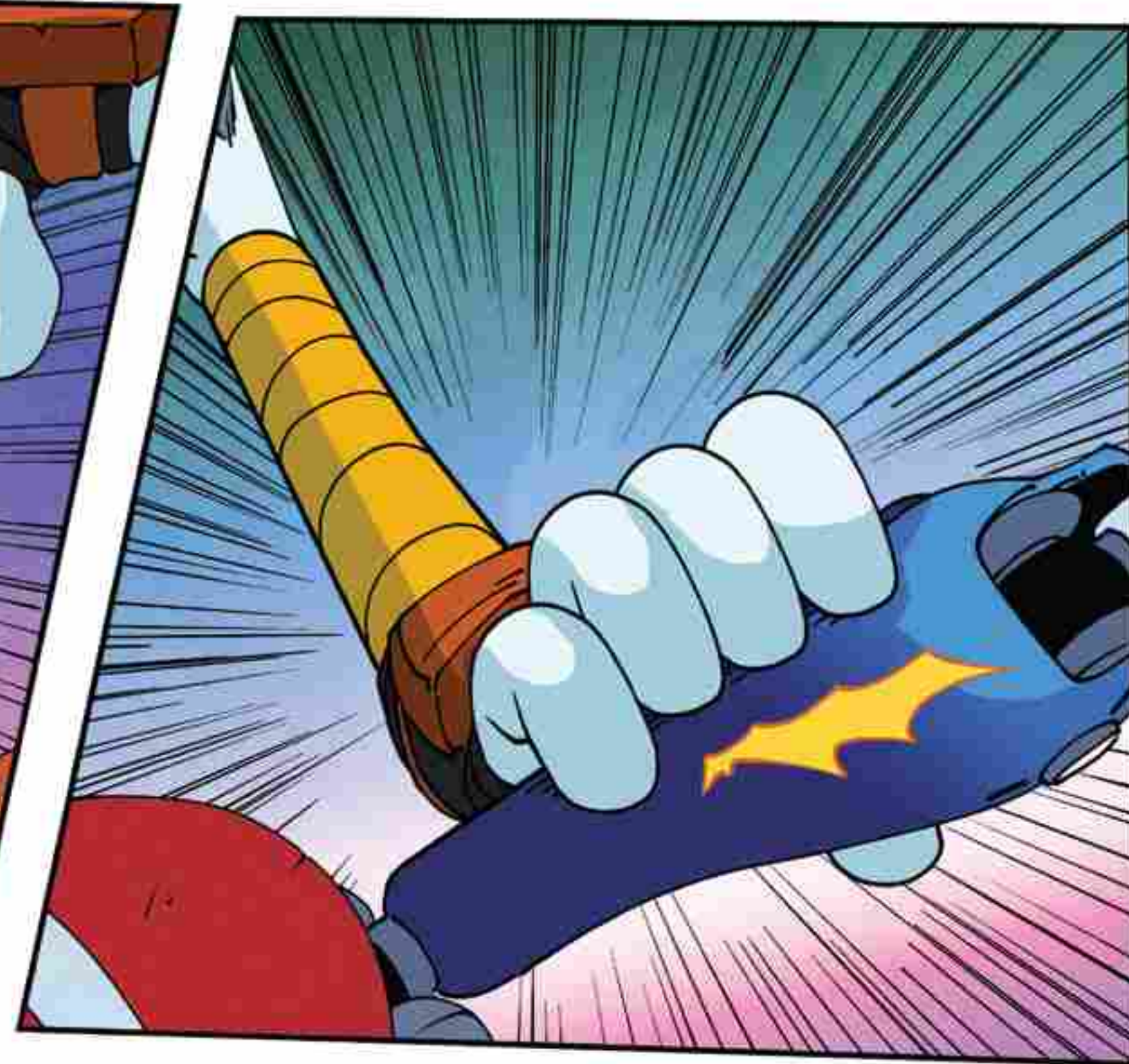
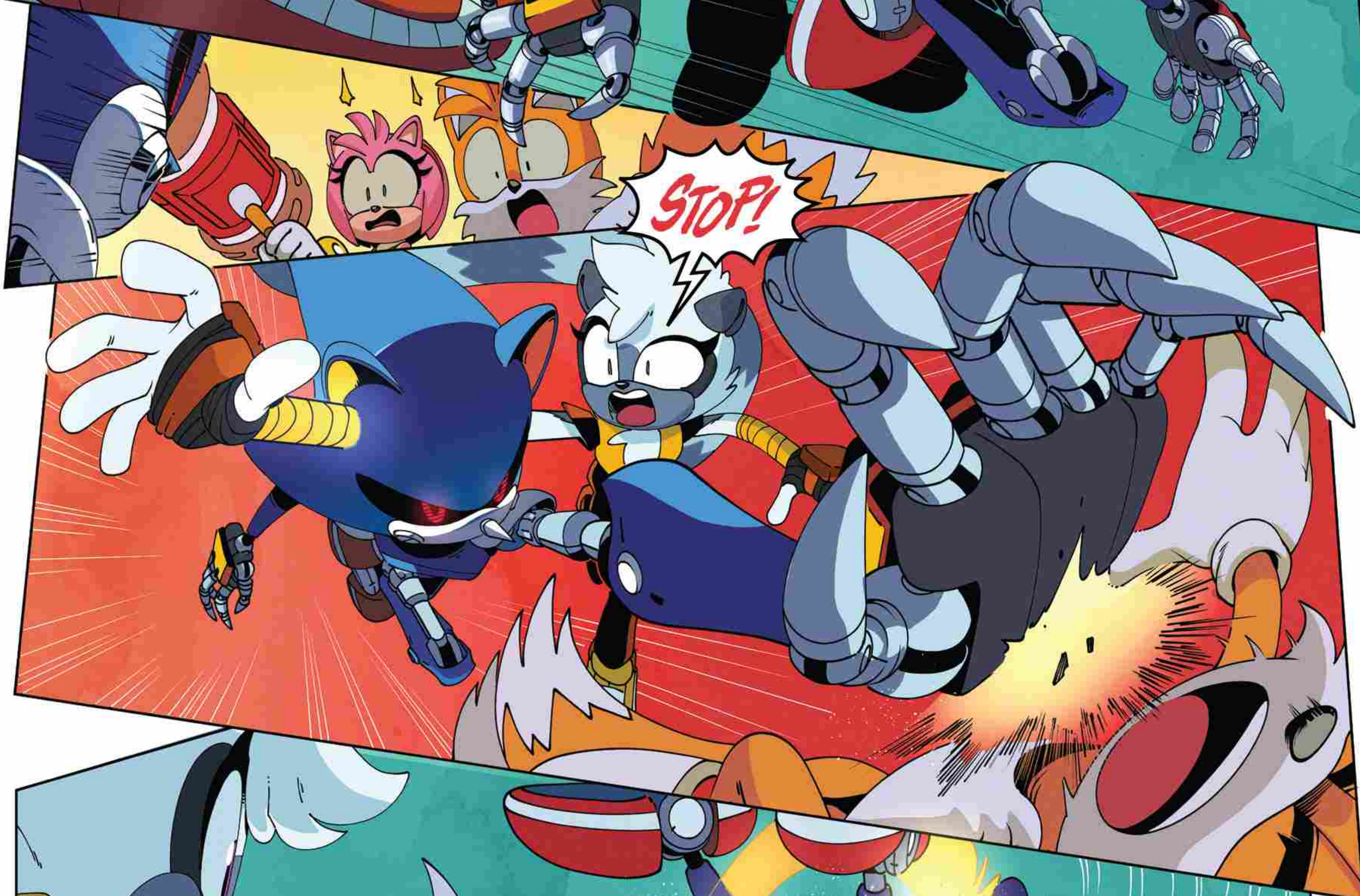
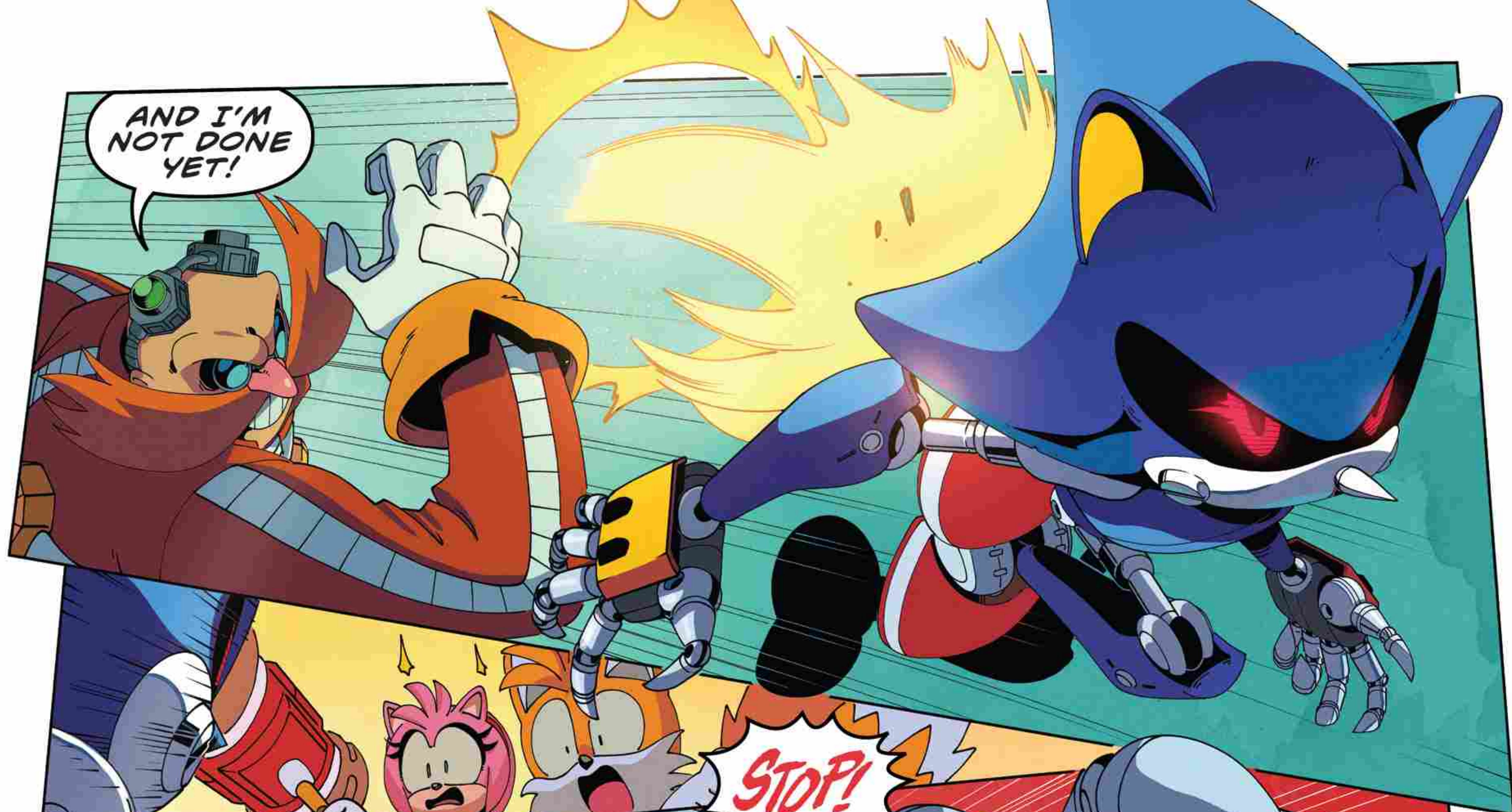
YOU
HAVEN'T
WON YET,
EGGMAN!

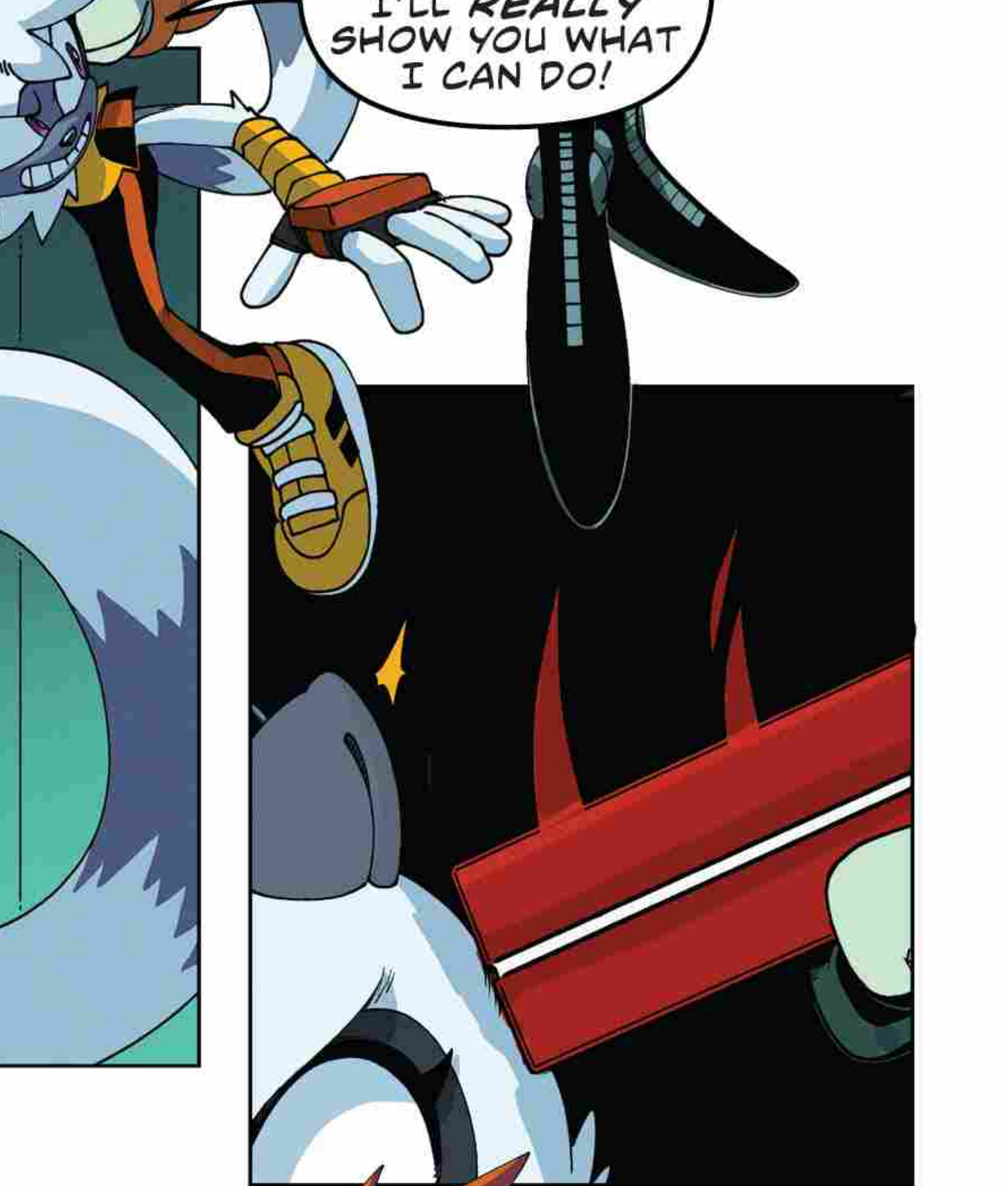
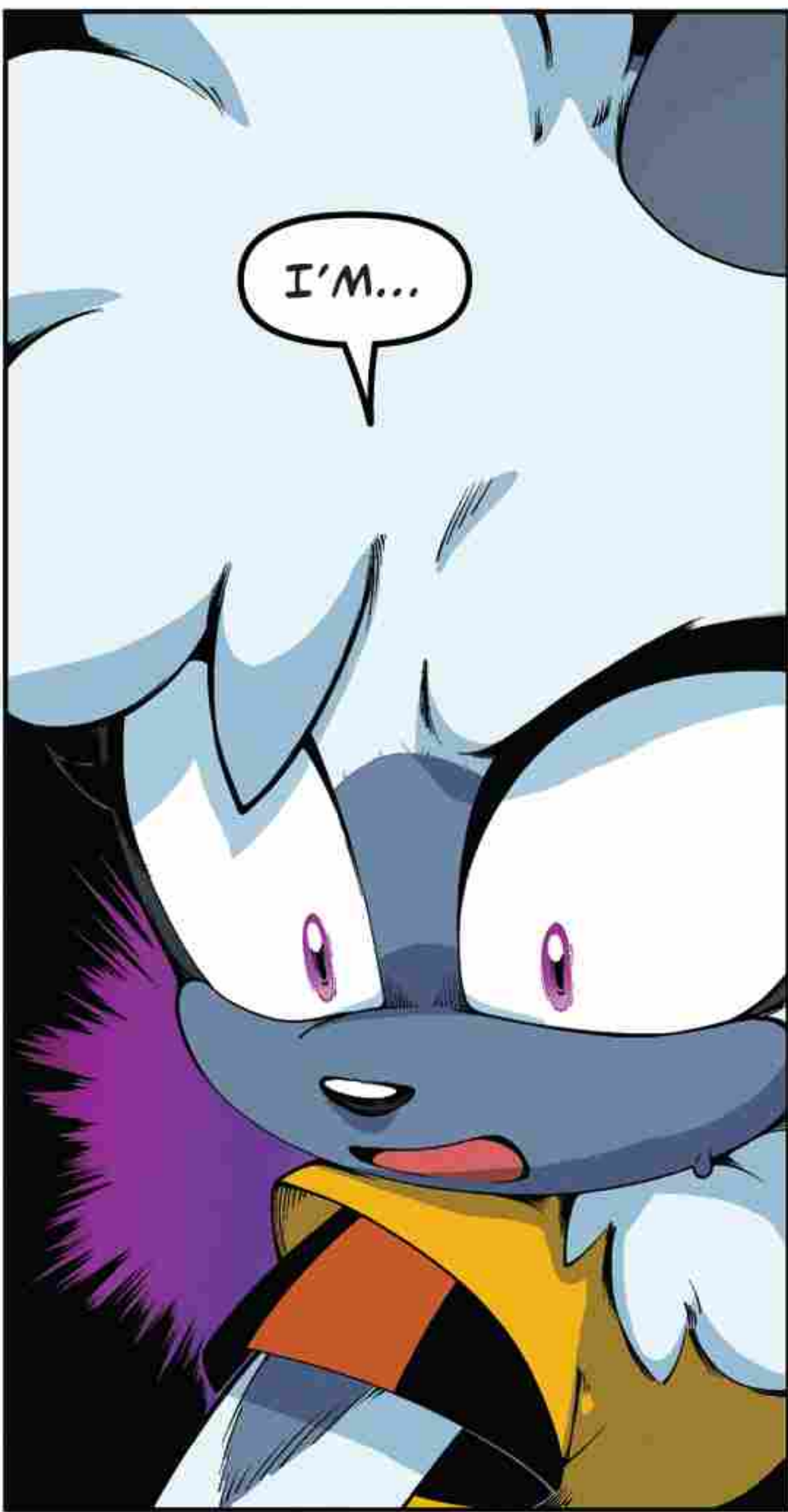
HAVEN'T I?
MY BRILLIANT
CREATIONS ARE *MORE*
THAN ENOUGH TO
HANDLE YOU.

UH, I'M NOT
SURE ORBOT
AN' I CAN
TAKE--

SHH!









PERHAPS...
BUT IT'S BETTER
THAN LETTING
YOU HAVE YOUR
WAY.

EH?!

YOU-- WHO
ARE YOU
PEOPLE?!

I BELIEVE
YOU MET OUR
NAMESAKE, THE
DIAMOND
CLITTERS.

WE SERVE
AS A SMALL,
SPECIALIZED STRIKE
TEAM THAT ASSESSES
DANGER AND OFFERS
AID IN EXTREME
CONDITIONS.

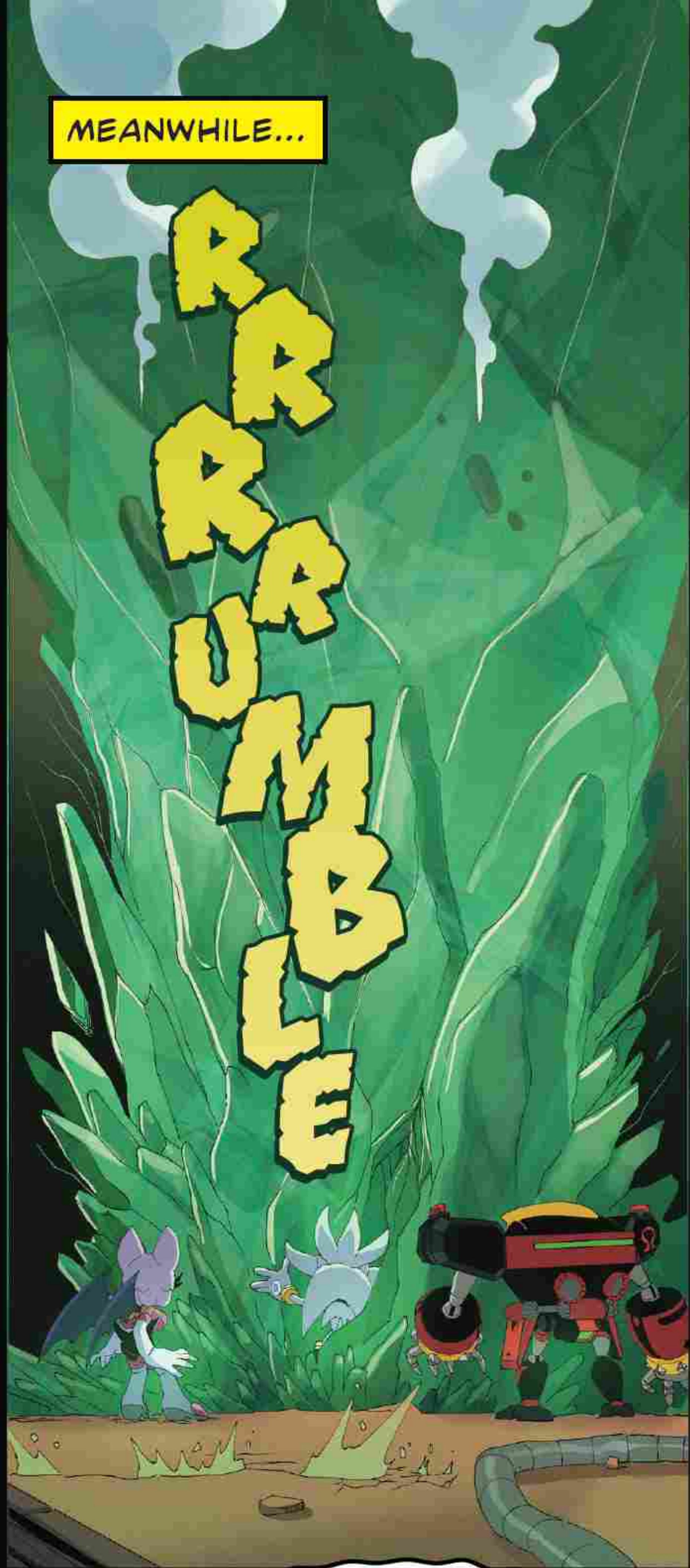
BUT MOSTLY,
WE INTEND...

...TO BE A
PROBLEM.



MEANWHILE...

RR
RR
UM
BLE



I'M FINE. GO.
YOUR EFFORT...IS
OF NO USE.



NO
USE?

NO
USE?



GET
AWAY...



YOU'RE
AWAKE!

THERE'S SO MUCH
ENERGY BUILDING.
IT'S...LIKE NOISE,
IN MY HEAD...

I'M NOT GIVING UP THAT
THAT EASILY, AND NEITHER
ARE YOU! YOU'RE THE
ULTIMATE LIFE-FORM,
AREN'T YOU? ARE YOU GOING
TO LET AN OVERGROWN
ROCK TELL YOU
WHAT TO DO?!



FWASH



WELL?



...YOU'RE
RIGHT.

"I AM THE ULTIMATE."

IT LOOKED LIKE
THE TRAP PARTIALLY
DISPLACED YOUR
BODIES, BUT WITH THE
CITY'S COMPUTER
SYSTEMS OFFLINE, YOU
ALL SHIFTED BACK INTO
NORMAL SPACE!

I
THOUGHT
THAT...
THAT YOU
GUYS...

WE'RE
BACK NOW.
THAT'S
WHAT
MATTERS.

NOW
LET'S GET
OUT OF
HERE!

SKYONG

IMPOSSIBLE!
MY CITY IS
PERFECT!

METAL!
CRUSH
THEM!

WHAM

AND
SONIC WAS
CAUGHT IN
THE SAME
TRAP,
SO...

CRASH



TIME TO GO.



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, BOSS? NOTHING BROKEN?



KRNCH!



MISERABLE, MEDDLING CREATURES...

YOU KNOW YOU'VE TAKEN THIS TOO FAR, EGGMAN.



AND YOU KNOW WHAT I'M GONNA DO NEXT.



GRAH!









COMMENCING
OBLITERATION!

HIGH-LEVEL
BADNIK
DETECTED.

WE
CANNOT
LET OUR
COMRADES
FIGHT
ALONE!

SURE, WHY
NOT! I LOVE
THROWING
MYSELF INTO
DANGER.



BUDDA-
BUDDA-
BUDDA-

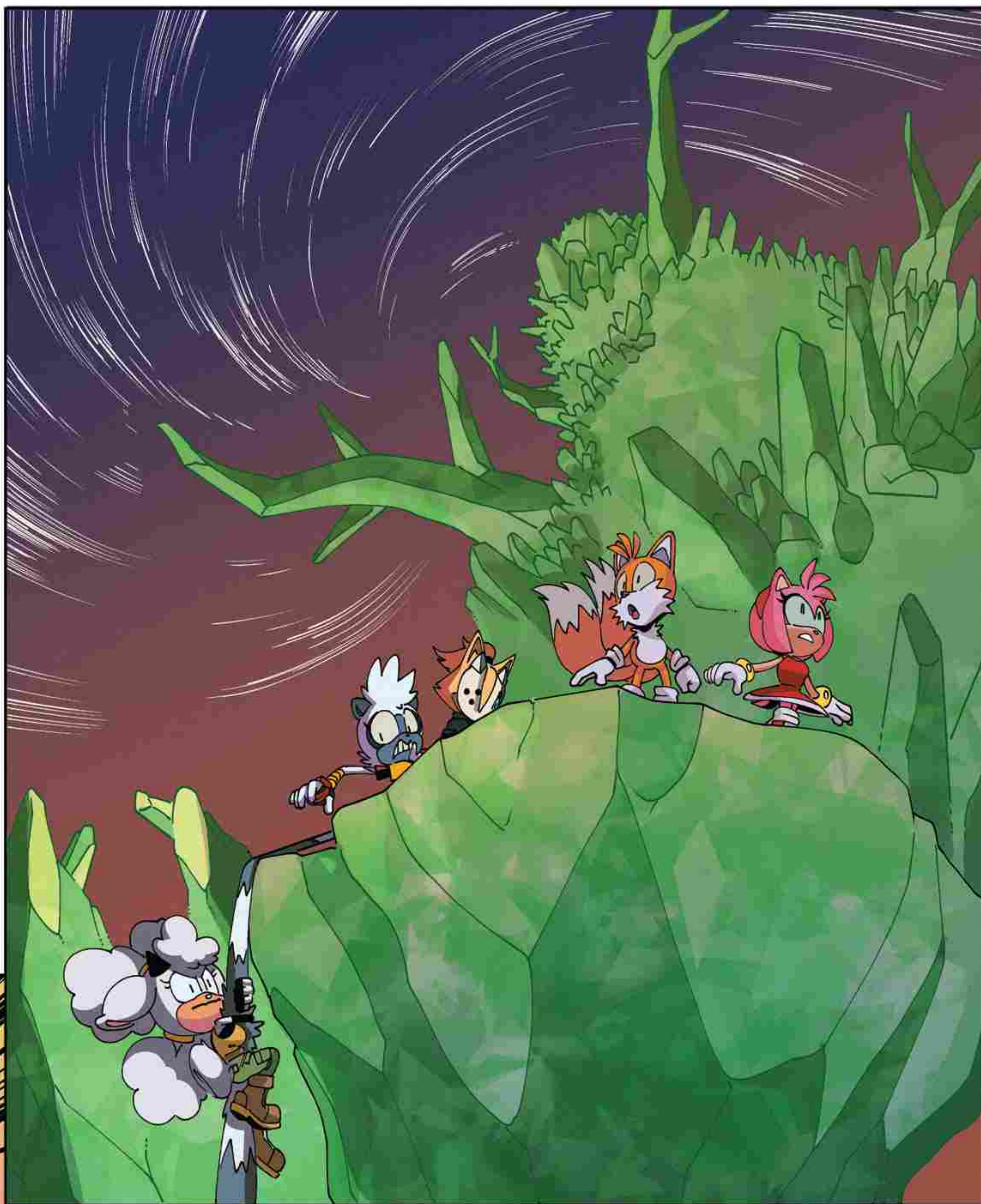
ABANDON
YOUR INFERIOR
TRANSPORTATION
AND FIGHT ME
DIRECTLY!

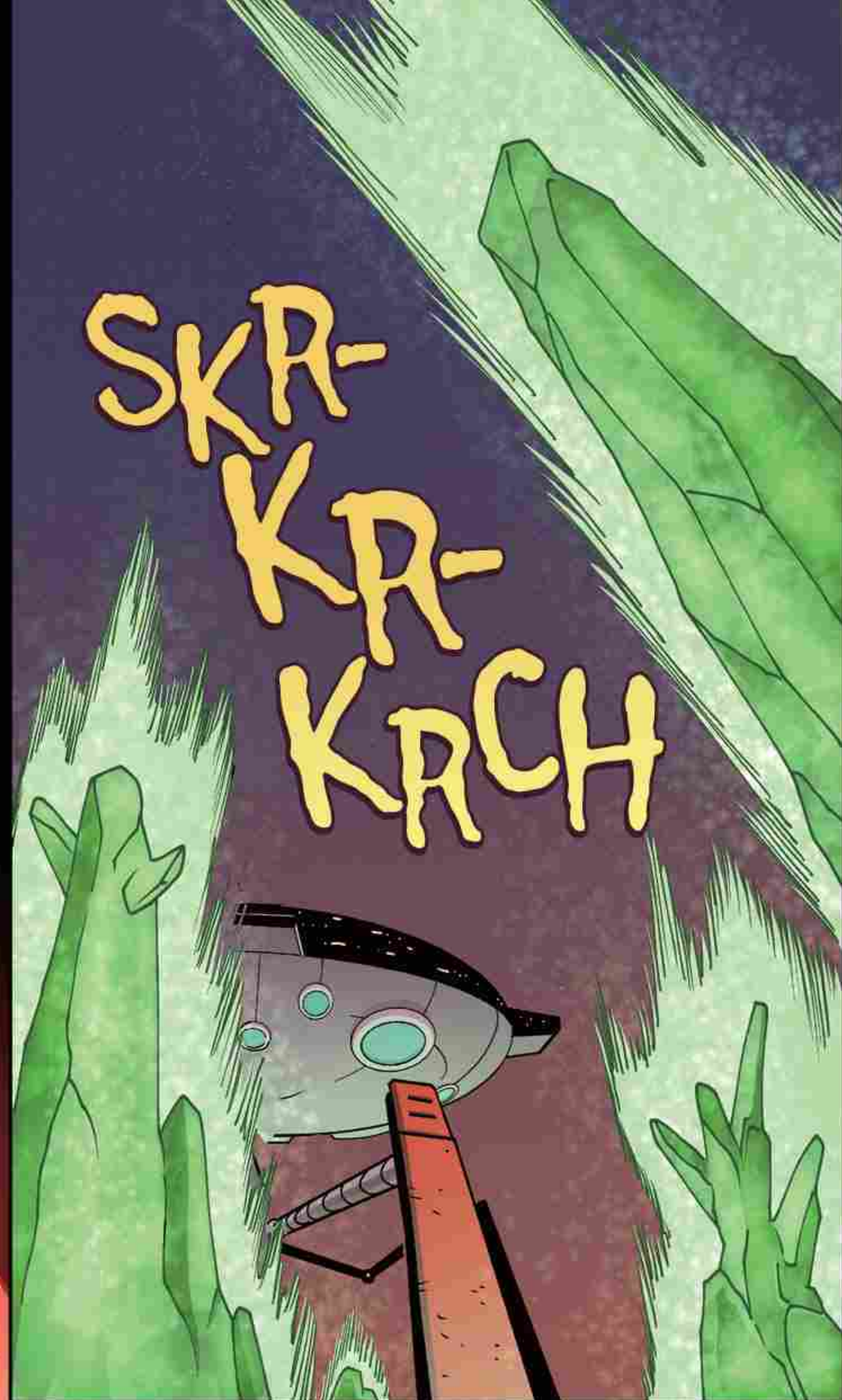
SORRY, DUDE, BUT
YOU'VE
GOTTA
LEARN...

CHA-
CHACK

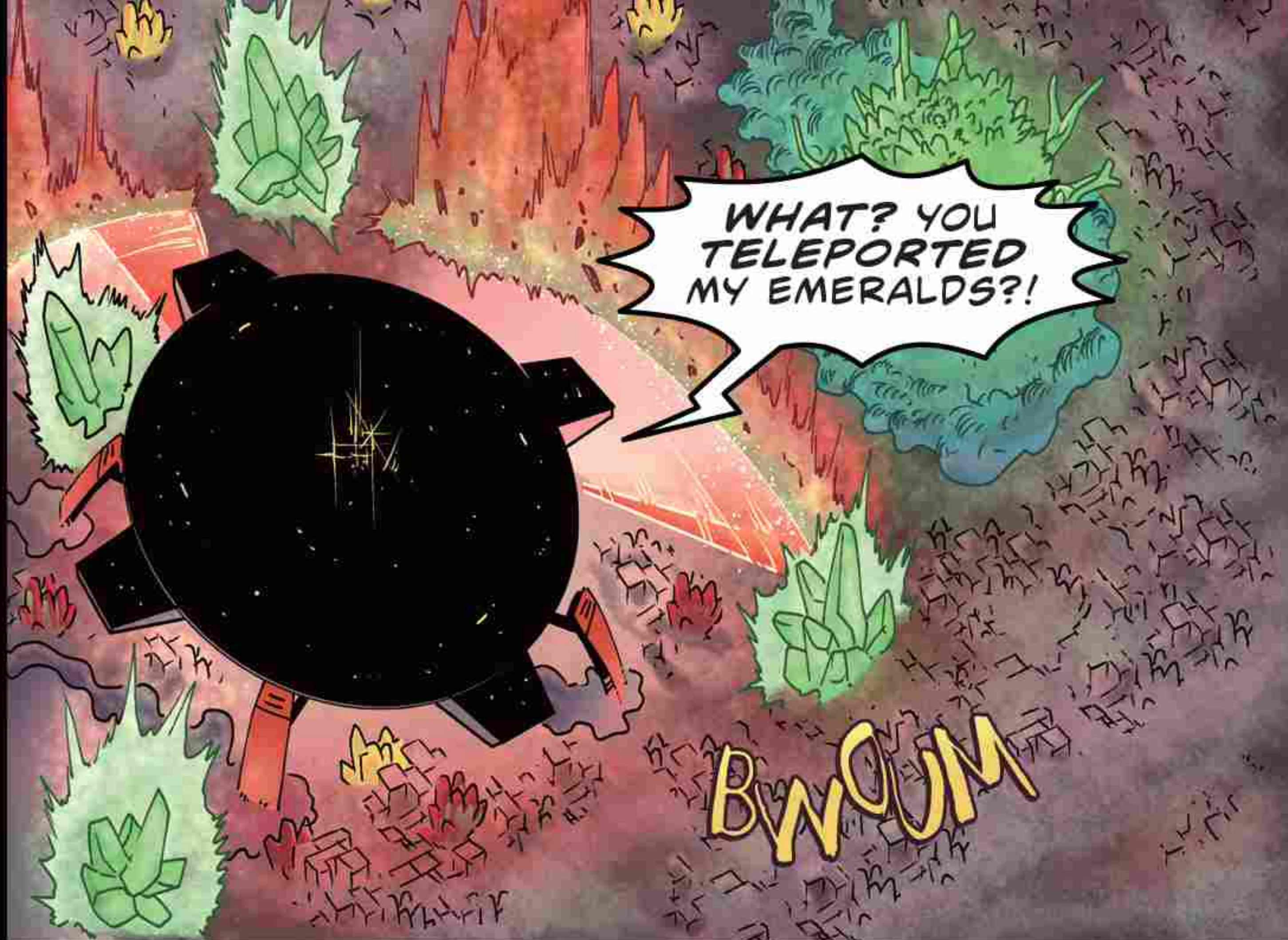
...WHEN TO
QUIT!

FUEL
BOOM



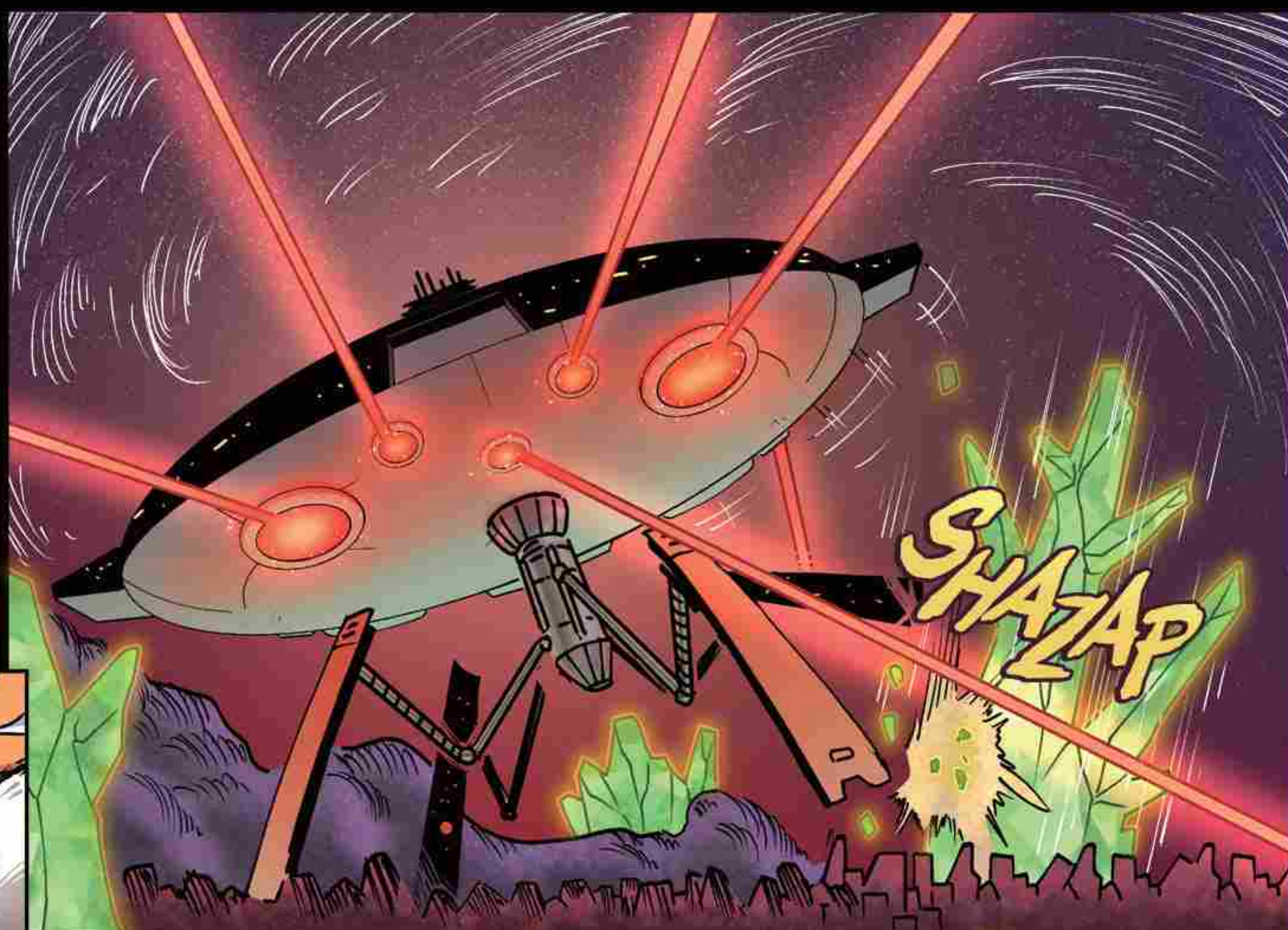


SKR-
KR-
KRCH



WHAT? YOU
TELEPORTED
MY EMERALDS?!

BWOUM



SHAZAP



I'M NOT
DONE.

THESE
PERVERSE
EMERALDS CONNECT
YOUR ENTIRE CITY.
AND WITH THEM
UNDER MY
CONTROL...

...YOU'VE
BUILT YOUR
OWN CAGE!

CHAOS
CONTROL!

WHAT?!
NO!

SHA-
ZAP
ZAP
ZAP





LET'S
FINISH
THIS!



W-WAIT! SONIC,
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND!



IF MY
CITY FAILS,
THERE'LL BE
NOTHING LEFT
TO DIVERT POWER
AWAY FROM
THE ARTIFICIAL
EMERALD
NETWORK!



THEIR
DESTRUCTIVE
POWER IS
INCALCULABLE!
I'M THE ONLY
ONE WHO CAN
PREVENT IT!

YEAH,
RIGHT...

...PLEADING
DOESN'T SUIT
YOU, DOC!











TA-DA!
CAKE'S
READY!



GOSH... IT'S
ALMOST TOO
PRETTY TO
EAT!

WELL,
YOU'D
BETTER
EAT SOME,
'CAUSE I
WORKED
HARD ON
THIS!



I'VE PICKED
UP A THING OR
TWO FROM VAN-
ROUGE! WHAT
IS THAT?!

NOTHING!
JUST A LITTLE
SOUVENIR I PICKED
UP IN EGGMAN'S
TROPHY ROOM...

NOTHING, MY
FOOT! THAT LOOKS
LIKE AN ECHIDNA ARTIFACT.
IT SHOULD BE RETURNED TO
ANGEL ISLAND WHERE
IT BELONGS!



I SUPPOSE, BUT THE
ISLAND IS SO FAR... AND
THIS OLD THING IS
SO HEAVY...

THEN
I'LL DO
IT!

I'M SURE
KNUCKLES
WILL BE
HAPPY TO
HAVE IT
BACK.



TCH,
FINE.
TELL HIM
HE OWES
ME ONE.





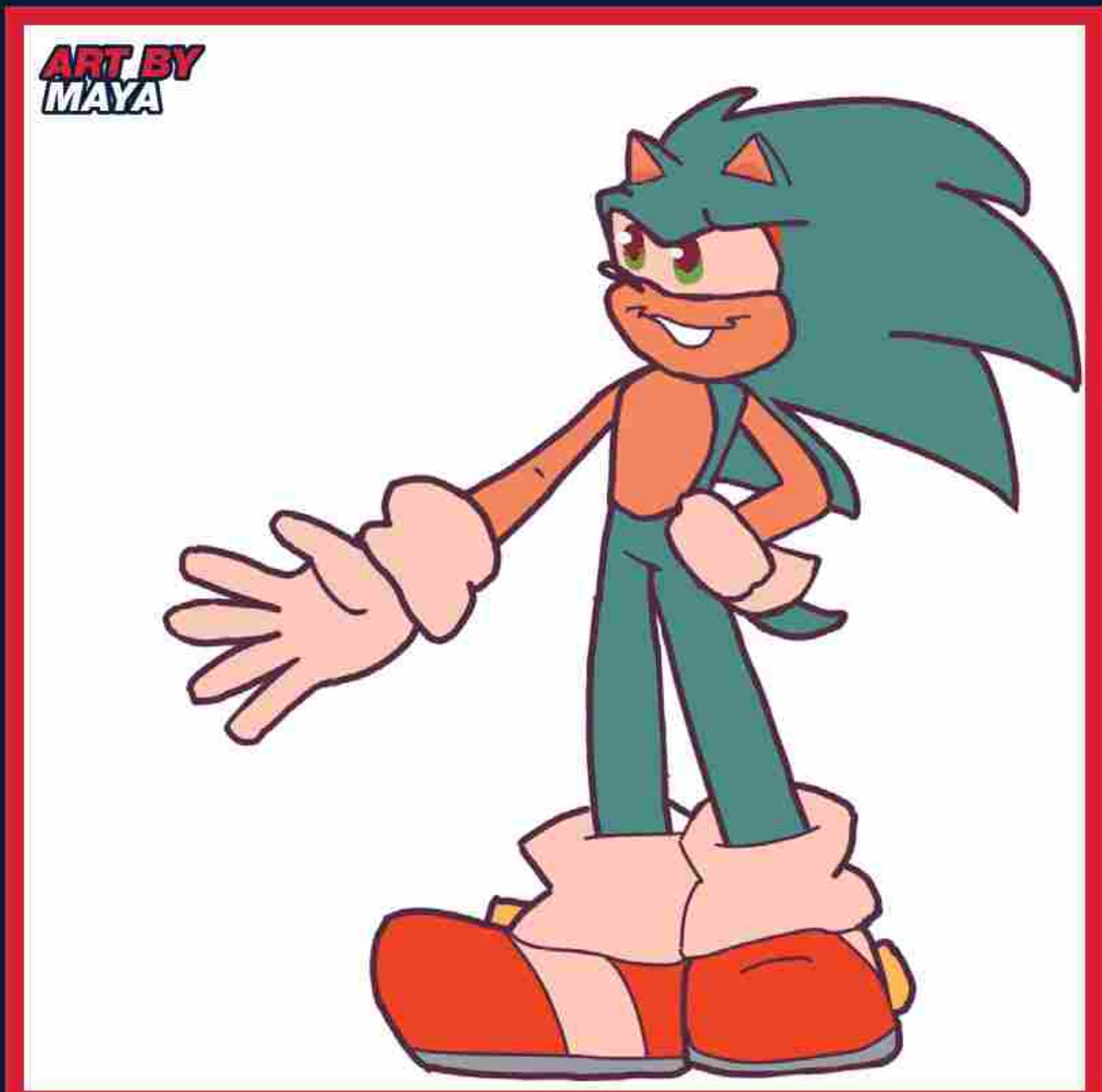
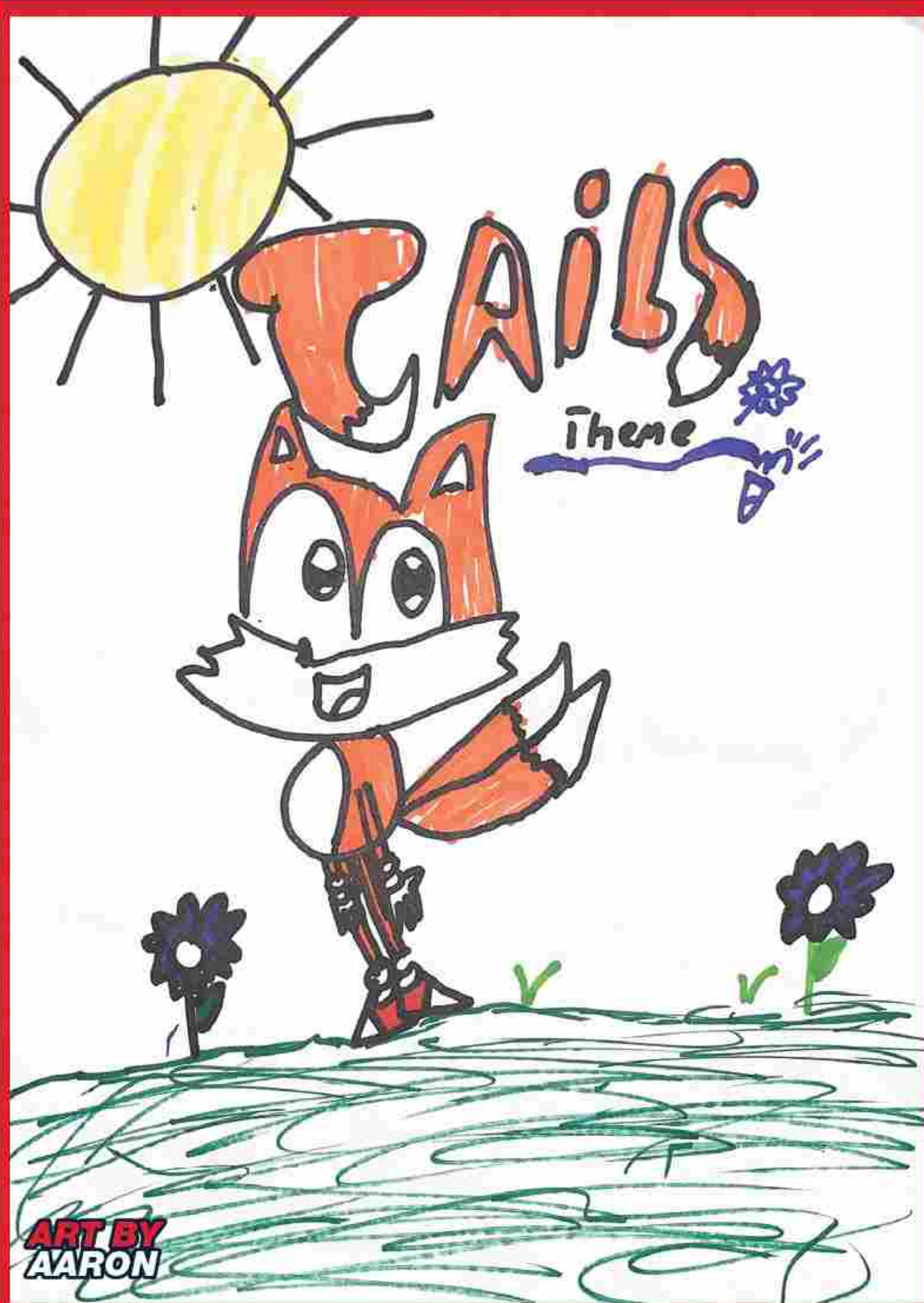
NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Guten Tag, Sonic Squad! Everyone grab a piece of cake, the city and Dr. Eggman have been defeated! Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Valentina Pinto, Rik Mack, and Shawn Lee for issue #61! Now, let's take a look at your art, and get to know a bit more about our letterer, Shawn Lee!



CREATOR CORNER: **SHAWN LEE**



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do the lettering, design, prepress, etc. All the things nobody is inquiring about...until now!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

Love Knuckles, but I'm a sucker for Gemerl and Omega.

How do you take your chili dog?

I'm a Deeee-troit Coney guy, so classic onion and mustard. Holla at you, Zorba's.

How did you first discover Sonic?

If memory serves me, I got the first Sonic game for the ol' Genesis on my 10th or 11th birthday.

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

I took over lettering duties on *Sonic* #6 (IDW). It's been quite a few issues since then.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

This would be a list not just a single fact.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Phew, that's a hard one. As a kid I loved *X-men*, *Squadron Supreme*, and *Thor* at Marvel, *TMNT* and all the parodies (looking at you, *Miami Mice!*), *The Tick*, *Flaming Carrot*, too many to name. Getting older, *Hellboy* (of course!), *The Marquis...* but all-time, I'd have to say *Maus* and *All-Star Superman* might be at the top of the mountain.

What do you do when you're not working on Sonic?

One of my hobbies is thinking about drawing more. So that's going well. Outside of that, I'm usually chilling with the wife and kids (who are also *Sonic* fans).

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

A pillow? A calendar? I'm a poser, I know!

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Probably Big the Cat. He's not going to fat shame me while we're destroying Coney's.

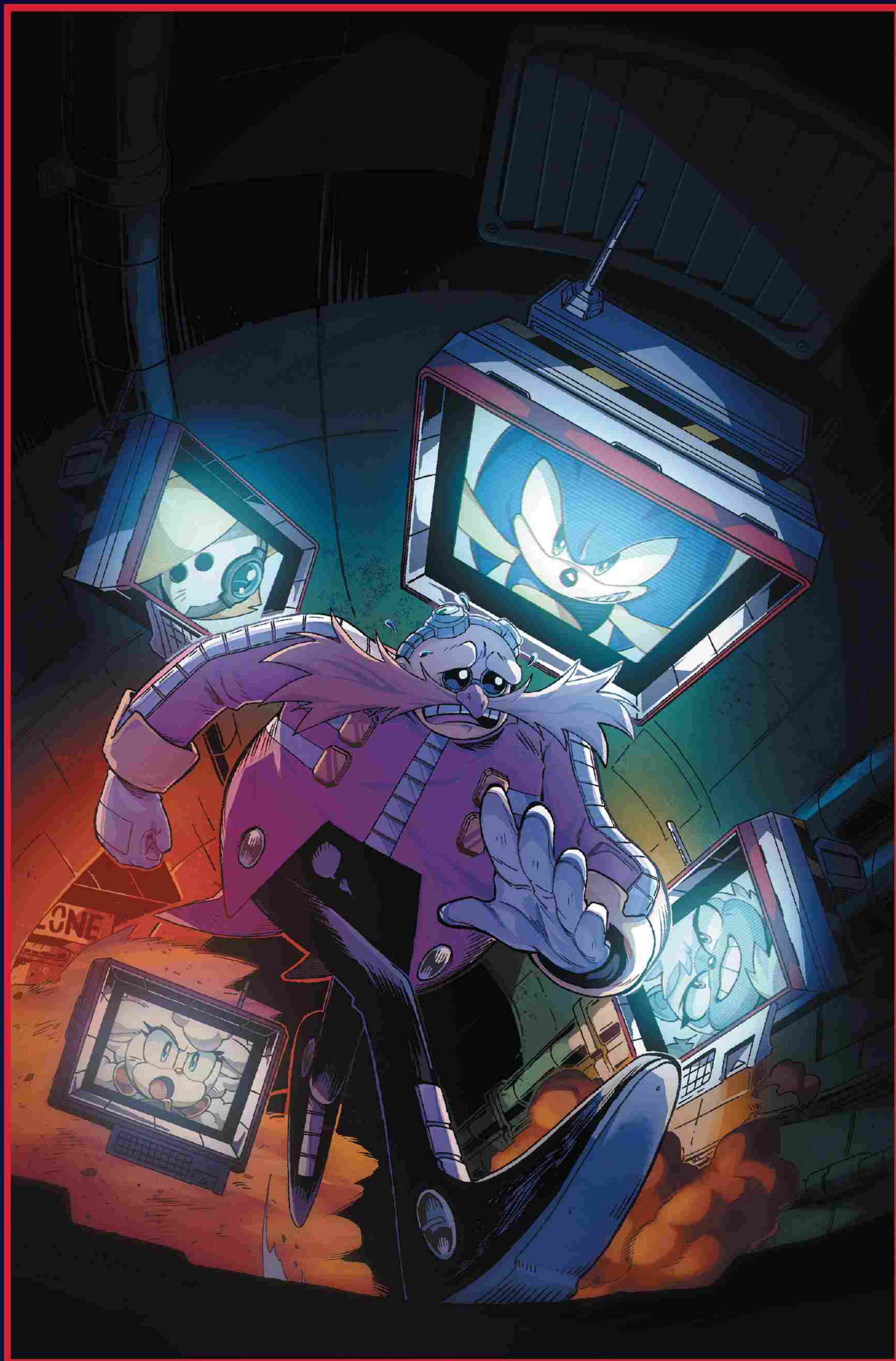
What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

A wolverine? We got any of those in the Sonic-verse?

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